

# JSC Child Center Newsletter

## Upcoming Dates and Events

- February 14<sup>th</sup> Valentine Parties
- February 17<sup>th</sup> Vision and Hearing Screen Test
- February 22<sup>nd</sup> Trail riders pass the child care center
- February 23<sup>rd</sup> Rodeo Clowns visit the child care
- February 25<sup>th</sup> Go Texan Day/ Wear your duds and eat grilled hotdogs  
Petting a pony at the child care
- March 7-11<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten Spring Break. After school available
- March 24<sup>th</sup> Easter Bunny visits the school
- March 25<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten closed/after school available
- March 29<sup>th</sup> Class Pictures

As you can see we have a lot of fun activities scheduled for the kids. Mark these dates down and feel free to come join our fun! You will receive more detailed information later as the dates get closer.

Looking forward to warmer weather!

Kristy Hirning

## *From the President*

I want to thank everyone for their patience during our playground closure. The entire Board and Director are working hard to complete our investigation report. SFEI relies on the membership to help identify and correct issues. We are all customers of the child care service that SFEI provides, but we are all also members of SFEI. If we all work together as a team to identify and correct problems, we, as the members, can ensure that SFEI continues to provide quality child care services for us, the customer.

The SFEI staff does a great job taking care of our children day to day. We should take every opportunity to thank them for providing such a loving environment for our children while we work.

Sincerley,  
Susan Gomez

## *Hello from Room 1*

We have gotten off to a great start! The kids are doing all sorts of interesting things. Alysa, Ryan, and Keoni are walking and mimicking the signs to the songs / finger plays that sing. Tarali and Ashley are crawling like little princess's. Ashley is also pulling herself up to stand which does keep us on our toes! Nathan is trying to crawl which is more like scooting. William and Arthur are rolling to move around the room instead of messing with crawling. As long as they get from point A to point B they don't care! Drake and Caleb have learned to sit up and you should see their big smiles when they do sit!

Our goals for the next few months will be to focus on getting ready for the move to the next room....The Toddler Room! Just to list a few of these goals are to encourage the babies to use a spoon , transition from bottles to sippy cups, no pacifiers, and to go from 2 naps to 1 nap.

Upcoming events:  
Valentines Party on 2-14-05 from 3:00-3:45p.m.  
Easter Party on 3-24-05 from 3:00-4:00p.m. SHHHH... The Easter Bunny will visit the center.  
Class pictures 3-29-05.

1<sup>st</sup> Birthdays  
Ashley Fisher 4-8-05  
Arthur Koerner 4-13-05  
William Blok 4-18-05

Ms Sandra, Ms Teresa, Ms Amalia, Ms Dianna



## *"Happy New Year from Room 2"*



We would like to start off by saying thank you to all the parent's for their support and contributions to our class, we really appreciate it. We've had a great first half of the school year and the second half will be even better. All our evaluations have been completed and by next time you will notice considerable differences. Our room has become very vocal, the kids are chattering up a storm. Even our 3 little ones are communicating well. No !! seems to be everyone's favorite word, but we are working on changing all of that. (smile)

We are pleased that our kids that have turned 2 and have graduated to regular cups, No more sippy cups for them! They are doing very well, they are all pros. We still need some more practice using our utensils when we eat. "We love our hands!!"

Some birthdays are coming up that we would like to acknowledge, Happy Birthday goes out to Troy who will be 2 on 1/28 and Katalia who will also be 2 on 2/2. We will also like to say Goodbye to our classmate Fynn; his mother will be able to stay home with him. Best Wishes.

In the next few months we will be having some class parties. Look out for more information regarding details.

Thank You,  
Room 2 Teachers

*No more sippy cups... We still need some more practice using our utensils when we eat. "We love our hands." Room 2*

## *Room 3 News*

Ms. Wanda, Ms. Joy and Ms. Sharisse are happy to be working with such a great group of kids in Room 3. The children have accomplish the following so far this year.

### **Accomplishments:**

1. Using spoons and cups.
2. Madeline, Nathan, Arkadia, Makai, and Ally are going to "Tumble Bus". Sammy has now joined them and they all love it.
3. Some of the children have started potty training and are doing well.

### **Past events:**

1. Everyone loved the Thanksgiving Feast. It was very yummy.
2. Our Christmas party and Santa visiting the center was a lot of fun for everyone.

### **Thank you:**

The teachers of Room 3, Ms. Wanda, Ms. Joy and Ms. Sharisse would like to thank all the children and parent's for their thoughtful gifts and cards over the holiday season.

### **Birthdays:**

Ally (4-22), Madison (7-1), Makai (7-10), Sammy (7-12), Madeline (7-26), Arkadia (7-27), Nathan (8-13), Kobi (8-14), and Riley (8-27)

### **Up Coming Events:**

- Valentines Party, February 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Easter Bunny, March 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Class Pictures, March 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Muffins for Mom May 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Teachers Appreciating Week, May 16 – 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Donuts for Dads, June 17<sup>th</sup>.
- We look forward to having a great summer and doing lots of fun things.

A great way to add useful content to this newsletter is to develop and write your own articles, or include a calendar of upcoming events or a special offer that promotes a new product.

You can also research articles or find "filler" articles by accessing the World Wide Web. You can write about a variety of topics but try to keep your articles short.

Much of the content you put in your newsletter can also be used for your Web site. Microsoft Word offers a simple way to convert your newsletter to a Web publication. So, when you're finished writing your newsletter, convert it to a Web site and post it.

## Room 4

We have had a lot of fun so far this year. Our classmate friends are learning so much. We have learned to use our pencils, scissors, and glue. Our creative art is so beautiful and we have so much pleasure doing it. We started tracing our letters, matching our own names with pictures. We already know how to count from 1 to 10 in English, Spanish, and Sign Language. We are doing good learning shapes.

We have begun having a "Student of the Week". All the children will have a turn being our classroom helper. They will help by carrying the clip board; holding the door open and handing out items to their friends.

Jenna is a big sister this month; her brother Joshua was born on January 17. Thanks go to our wonderful Room Capitan Jill Lin and Melanie Saunders; they are always helping with our work. To all the parents thank you too! They are great supporters of this class.

We asked the children what their favorite thing to do in school was, and these were their answers: (in the classroom and playground)

Ryan-	"play" outside "play with the bicycles"	Libby	"play with babies" outside "play with the bicycles"
Whit	"play with blocks" outside "race"	Joel	"play with play dough" outside "play with toys"
Logan	"ice" outside "swings"	Tom	"books" outside "play with bikes"
Angus	"play with table toys" outside "play with the bikes"	Jackson	"play with toys" outside "swing"
Rachel	"play with the babies" outside "swings"	Halle	"play with babies" outside "play with the bikes"
Chad	"play with Halle" outside "A bike"	Siddarth	"play with race car" outside "a bicycle"
Vivek	"2, 3, 4, 5" (we know he loves the sand box)		

Room 4  
Ms. Sandi and Ms. Teresa



## Hello Again From Room 5

Our Christmas program was a big success. Thank you Mike Fincke for reading 'Twas the Night before Christmas' to the class! And thanks to all the parents for all the nice gifts, we really enjoyed all of them!

We're working on counting to 20 and recognizing numbers and letters. Most of us can identify and write our names.

We love our new toys and games we purchased with our cookie dough money. Thanks to all our moms and dads that bought the yummy cookies!!

If you want to know how smart we are, just ask the kids in our room "who is the president of the United States?" or "where does he live?" The kids also recite the Pledge of Allegiance, they know how many stars are on the American flag, and they think the American eagle is a very big bird!! Stay tuned for more!

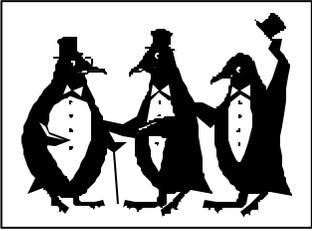
Happy birthday to Jessica and Claire R. They both just turned 4! Now we'll just wait for their friends to catch up with them.

We have a new friend in our room. "Brownie" is a bear that will go home with a new student every Friday. The kids will also take home a journal and camera for the weekend with Brownie to document their fun adventures.

We have new computers in our room. Mr. Steve (our computer enrichment teacher) thinks we are all pretty smart in computer class. Now, just think what these new computers will help us accomplish!!

We want to say good bye to our little rap star Herman! He will be staying at home with his dad for awhile. We might see him back next year.

Until next time----- Ms Georgia And Ms Jamie



## Room 6

Here it is January already, wow!! This year is just speeding right along. Christmas came and went so fast. The children really enjoyed all of the festivities during the holiday season. We especially enjoyed decorating our own Christmas tree that was so graciously donated by Matthew's dad. Evelyn and I were very proud of our children during our Christmas singing program. They did a wonderful job.

When all of the children returned back from Christmas break, the hot topic was about the snow on Christmas Eve! What happened to the toys Santa worked hard at providing??? We took turns going around a circle and telling their personal story of playing in the snow. Most of the kids talked about throwing snowballs at the dads? What happened to the mom's?? Shelby and her brother Kyle were the only exception to this statement....those kids are brave!

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Room 6

Now we are here in January. Our class is studying Penguins. The kids love hearing about all the interesting things to know about penguins. We have made almost every craft you can think of regarding penguins. We went on a field trip to Moody Gardens to see the Penguins and the children couldn't be more excited about going. Ashley thinks we are taking an excursion to the Antarctic.... we hope she was not too terribly disappointed!

Birthday for the Month of Dec. and Jan are as follow

Big Happy Birthdays go to:

Sasha Brasher  
Tiffany Sakahara

A J. Audet  
Alexis Castillo

That's our scoop for now! Stay tuned!

Ms. Tess and Ms. Evelyn

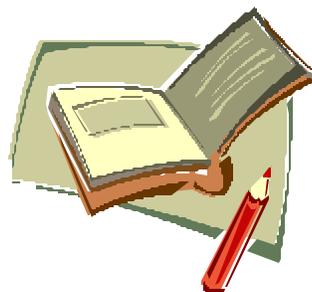
## Room 7

What fun we have had since 2005 started! We have started reading groups and we are so excited about reading! We are reading words that follow the one and two vowel rules. We have eaten at a Chinese Restaurant, gone Downtown to the Japanese Consulate and we even got to eat in the tunnels under downtown Houston!

In the next few months we have a lot of things happening. We have a Mardi Gras Parade & Go Texan Day. We will be learning about The Alamo, Presidents Lincoln & Washington, the USA & and Dental health! That's only in February! A very Happy Birthday to Martel on February 15, Robert on February 19, Mark on February 29 and Kai on March 12.

Looking forward to spring!

Ms. Ricki  
Ms. El



## Go Texan Day



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## Pre-K Room

The second semester has begun and new and exciting activities are on the way! We are beginning to break the children down into reading groups for phonics activities. When a book is completed in class it will be sent home along with a letter for you and your family to sign each time your child has read his/her book. Each child will receive a sticker to be placed in their sticker book for each signature indicating he/she has read their phonics book to that person. A maximum of 5 stickers may be earned this way per book sent home. We hope that earning stickers will be a nice incentive to encourage the children to practice their early reading skills for future phonic activities.

We would like to take a few more field trips before the year is complete. Learning can be much more exciting when it can be extended outside of the classroom. Please remind your child of appropriate behavior they should exhibit in order to continue having future field trips. We cannot assure the safety of each child on a field trip if we are not confident in their judgment of positive choice making.

Our class Valentine's Party will be Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. We would like each family to create a Valentine Card Holder out of a box of some sort. (Shoe boxes work great!) This activity should involve the entire family and should be complete and brought to school on February 14<sup>th</sup> to share with the class. Each child should also bring 16 Valentine's to exchange with their classmates. There will be a Treat sign-up sheet on the door soon.

Last, but not least we would like to remind you to continue to encourage your child about his/her sticker book.

Sincerely,

Ms. Vanessa & Ms. Scott

## Kindergarten Room Updates

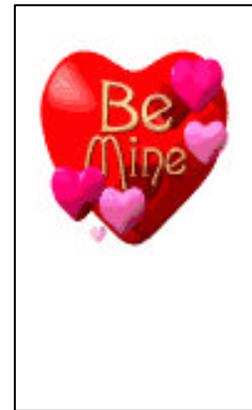
Welcome to the Polar region of JSC Kindergarten! We are having a lot of fun studying about the cold... Our study of ice and snow led us to Antarctica. Penguins quickly became a favorite to study. We got to touch and feel "real" Penguin's feathers. During our Penguin study, a backpack full of "Cuddly Duddly" activities will be going home with each child. We will end our study by visiting the Penguins at Galveston's Moody Gardens Aquarium.

We will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school with many activities. We will count out 100 items to make a delicious snack for each child to eat. The children will bring their collection of 100 items to school for "Show & Tell". Their collections will be used to graft, weight, & estimate. The concepts of before, between, after, smallest to largest will also be learned.

We have been learning about words that are compounds, opposites, and contractions. The children are writing stories in their story journals each day. They have become wonderful authors and illustrators!

We are learning to work with money consisting of pennies, nickels and dimes. The children can tell time to the hour and half hour. The Kindergarteners have learned how to add to 10 and will begin to subtract soon. We are learning about measurement, using inches and the children are learning to count to 100 by 5's, 10's and 2's.

We are very proud of our Kindergarten students with their reading progress! Most of the students are reading at a first grade level. Stop by and have one of the JSC Kindergarten Students read a story for you!



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